

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Welch  
Application No.: 10/785,434  
Filed: 2/24/2004  
For: DISTRIBUTED MONITORING IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Art Unit.: 4121  
Examiner: Keehn, Richard

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Introductory Comments**

In response to an Office action dated January 18, 2008, please consider the following remarks.